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SUBJECT: FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR MORAGAHAKANDA IRRIGATION PROJECT BY
ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, DENVER, COLORADO

REF: STATE 039765

1. THE EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO EXIMBANK GUARANTEEING
BANK OF AMERICA FINANCING OF THE SUBJECT STUDY.
2. THE MORAGAHAKANDA PROJECT IS ONE OF TWELVE INDEPENDENT
BUT INTERRELATED PROJECTS WHICH MAKE UP THE AMBITIOUS
MAHAWELI IRRIGATION SCHEME. THE MAHAWELI PROGRAM IS
SRI LANKA'S NUMBER ONE DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. THE GOVERNMENT
OF SRI LANKA (GSL) HAS DECIDED TO ACCELERATE THE ORIGINAL
30-YEAR SCHEDULE, AND A DUTCH TEAM FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE NETHERLANDS IS ABOUT TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF HOW
AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM COULD BE IMPLEMENTED. UNDER THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE WORLD BANK, VARIOUS MULTILATERAL
AND BILATERAL DONORS HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN
SUPPORTING THE ACCELERATED PROGRAM.
3. OF THE TWELVE PROJECTS IN THE MAHAWELI SCHEME,
MORAGAHAKANDA IS ONE OF THE MORE ADVANCED AND RANKS
SECOND IN TERMS OF PRIORITY AFTER THE VICTORIA PROJECT.

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THE GSL HAS ASKED THE WORLD BANK IF THESE TWO PROJECTS
COULD BE STARTED WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE RESULTS OF THE
DUTCH IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.

4. OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION, POWER AND
HIGHWAYS (THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
AGRICULTURE) HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH ENGINEERING

CONSULTANTS INC. (ECI) REGARDING FEASIBILITY STUDIES BUT
HAVE TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT NO COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.
ECI HAS A GOOD REPUTATION WITHIN THE MINISTRY, HOWEVER,
AND A PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF MORAHAKANDA,
PARTICULARLY IF IT INCLUDED FINANCING, WOULD BE WELL
RECEIVED.
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